

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the present case. Claims 1, 8, and 15 have been amended.

The drawings stand objected to as FIG. 9 contains crossed out labels and reference characters, FIGS. 1-8 omit lead lines, and FIGS. 1-4 omit the "Prior Art" legend. A replacement set of drawings is provided with the appropriate changes made.

Claims 1-21 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 6,125,352 to Franklin et al in view of US Patent No. 1,657,411 to Scherbius. The rejection of claims 1-21 is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 8, and 15 have been amended to more properly claim embodiments of the present invention. Specifically, claims 1, 8, and 15 have been amended to recite that "the original text of the password remains safely on a server such that the password can be modified while still maintaining the secrecy of the password". Support for these amendments can be found, inter alia, in the specification at page 10, line 12, et seq. No new matter has been added to claims 1, 8, and 15.

In contrast, Franklin et al teaches away from the present invention. Franklin et al teaches that prior art computer-based shopping systems undesirably retain all functions on a server computer, and that Franklin et al teaches a method for advantageously pushing many of these functions and associated information to the client or consumer computer. See column 1, line 46 to column 3, line 22 of Franklin et al.

Scherbius is of course silent on any aspect of server or client computers.

For these reasons, neither Franklin et al, nor Scherbius, nor the combination thereof fairly teach or suggest the limitations of amended claims 1,

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8, and 15. Claims 1, 8, and 15 are deemed to be patentable over both Franklin et al and Scherbius taken either singly or in combination and are thus deemed to be allowable under 35 USC 103(a). Remaining claims 2-7, 9-14, and 16-21 are deemed to be allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim.

All claims 1-21 are deemed to be allowable over the combination of the cited references and the case is now deemed to be in condition for allowance. No fee is believed due for this submittal. However, any fee deficiency associated with this submittal may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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